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SUBJ: CARTER - FUKUDA SUMMIT

1. LEAD STORY IN ALL KOREAN PRESS MARCH 22 AND 23 HAS BEEN CARTER-FUKUDA SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON. BOTH HEADLINES AND REPORTING EMPHASIZE KOREA TROOP REDUCTION ISSUE OVER ALL OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ASSERT ACCORDING TO "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROMISE IN RESPONSE TO FUKUDA EXPRESSION OF CONCERN, THAT U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO HONOR ITS COMMITMENT TO KOREAN DEFENSE. PRESS ALSO REPORTS LEADERS DISCUSSED NO TIMETABLE FOR REDUCTIONS, AND AGREED THAT RESUMPTION OF KOREAN SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE IS DESIREABLE. PRESS MENTIONED ONLY IN PASSING THAT SUMMIT STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP AND THAT LEADERS DISCUSSED VARIOUS BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL MATTERS.

2. REPORTS OF SUMMIT FOLLOW FREQUENT FRONTPAGE REPORTS IN ANTICIPATION OVER THE PAST WEEK-END, MOSTLY  
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SPECULATING ON WORDING OF "KOREA CLAUSE" OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE. MANY PAPERS QUOTED JAPANESE DRAFT OF CLAUSE AS DIFFERING FROM 1975 FORD/MIKI COMMUNIQUE IN ASSERTING "DEEP" RATHER THAN "ESSENTIAL" RELATION BETWEEN KOREAN AND JAPANESE-NORTHEAST ASIAN SECURITY. SOME EDITORIAL COMMENTS WORRIED NEW LANGUAGE SIGNALS "PASSIVE" JAPANESE ATTITUDE, BUT MOST ATTRIBUTED DIFFERENCE TO

CHANGE IN JAPANESE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION ONLY, AND  
PREDICTED VIGOROUS EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ON TROOP REDUC-  
TION ISSUED BY FUKUDA T CARTER.

3. ONLY SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL ON RESULTS OF SUMMIT TO DATE IS  
IN MARCH 23 INDEPENDENT TONGA ILBO, WHICH EXPRESSES  
PLEASURE AT DEGREE TO WHICH JOINT COMMUNIQUE "KOREA CLAUSE"  
REAFFIRMING US COMMITMENT ALLAYS KOREAN "WORRY" CAUSED BY  
PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROMISE TO WITHDRAW TROOPS. HOWEVER,  
TONGA CONTINUES, COMPARISON SUCCESSIVE US-JAPAN  
COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PEACE IN KOREA  
AND JAPANESE SECURITY SUCCESSFULLY AS "ESSENTIAL",  
"NECESSARY", AND NOW "IMPORTANT" STILL CAUSES SOME "SLIGHT  
DOUBT".  
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